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FOR EB/TD FROM US DEL TORREMOLINOS

1. COMMITTEE 4 - FINANCE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 27
APPROVED NICARAGUAN REQUEST TO WAIVE 1973 CONTRIBUTION
AND REDUCE ITS NORMAL ONE UNIT CONTRIBUTION TO ONE-HALF
UNIT TO 1974 AND RETURN TO ONE UNIT THEREAFTER. THIS
APPROACH APPROVED BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY (INCLUDING
UK AND USSR) ALTHOUGH MOST SPEAKERS INSISTED RECORD SHOW
THEIR VIEW THAT THIS WAIVER CONSIDERED ONE-TIME EXCEPTION
DUE TO EXTENT OF DEVASTATION WREAKED IN NICARAGUAN
EARTHQUAKE. U.S. AND CANADA WERE ONLY DELS OFFERING
OTHER PROPOSALS. U.S. PROPOSAL THAT DEBT NOT BE WAIVED
BUT BE REPAID OVER FIVE YEARS WITHOUT INTEREST AND
CANADIAN PROPOSAL THAT SINCE 45 PERCENT OF
NICARAGUAN ECONOMY DESTROYED IN QUAKE, 45 PERCENT
OF CONTRIBUTION BE WAIVED, WERE NOT SUPPORTED.

2. COMMITTEE THEN RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF ARREARAGES
QUESTION WITH MOST
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MEMBERS PUSHING PLAN TO PAY OFF

PAST ARREARAGES ON BASIS OF UNITS ASSUMED AT THIS CONFERENCE (MOST IN 1/2 AND ONE UNIT CATEGORY), INSTEAD OF ON BASIS UNITS ACTUALLY ASSUMED AT TIME DEBTS CONTRACTED OR MINIMUM UNITS IN EFFECT AT TIME DEBTS INCURRED. BASICALLY BY TERMS SUGGESTED BY DEBTORS, ARREARAGES WOULD BE PAID OFF OVER FIVE OR TEN YEARS AT ABOUT 20 CENTS ON DOLLAR IF INTEREST INCLUDED OR ABOUT 11.5 CENTS ON DOLLAR IF WITHOUT INTEREST. USDEL WILL SUPPORT FORMULA (NOT NECESSARILY FOREGOING) WHICH WILL RESULT IN HIGHEST RETURN TO UNION BUT WHICH IS REALISTIC ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY BE REPAID. DISTURBING ELEMENT INTRODUCED BY SYG MILI WHO INDICATED HE INTENDS PUSH FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTORY UNIT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO PAY OFF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT DEBTORS ACTUALLY REPAY AND TOTAL PAPER DEFICIT IN ORDER TO CREATE WHAT AMOUNTS TO WORKING CAPITAL FUND. SINCE MILE HAD PREVIOUSLY ADMITTED THAT ITU HAD NO OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND SINCE UNION'S FINANCING SYSTEM (REQUIRING CONTRIBUTIONS BE PAID IN ADVANCE WITH INTEREST CHARGES IMPOSED ON LATECOMERS COUPLED WITH SWISS GOVERNMENT WILLINGNESS EXTEND UNION LOW INTEREST LOANS WHEN CASH IS LOW) SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED OBVIATE NEED FOR SUCH FUND, USDEL WILL STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL.

3. AT PLENARY THIS MORNING (OCTOBER 1) RICHARD BUTLER ELECTED DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL RECEIVING 78 (US) VOTES WHILE BACZKO OF POLAND RECEIVED 50 VOTES.

4. RE URTEL 194572, IRRERA RECEIVED 23 VOTES.
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